

MORE ON THE PERFINs OF THE TAFF VALE RAILWAY

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In the Bulletin of June 1987, Tom Venables detailed his acquisition of postal stationery cards with the perfins of the Taff Vale Hallway. Three types of card were listed, but nothing was said about the perfins. My article in The Perfins Bulletin of March 1987 on 'Welsh Perfins as a Side Collection' had illustrated the two known types, which we now see as T 4820.01 and T 4820.02. See Figures 1 and 2

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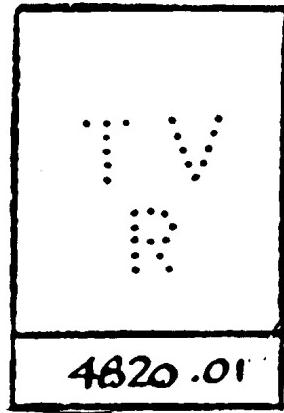
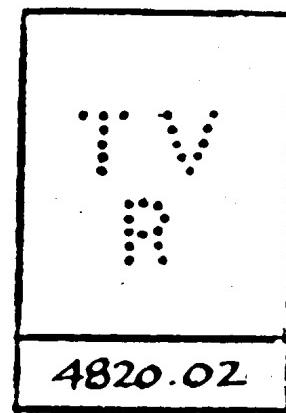


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The main difference is in the 'R', where the right leg is more nearly vertical in the latter. I had this on two 1d KEVII stamps, of which one had a 10 FE 06 postmark.

During last Summer, a dealer at a gathering of Stamp Clubs had a dozen or so of similar cards, on offer at £20 each. I selected the card shown in Figure 3, which has the scarcer perfin. The stamp is yellow green and the postmark is dated JUN 1 but the year is unclear. The message however reads 'Appointment for Saturday June 2nd 06', so my known dates are both 1906.

I thought members should know that both patterns of 'TV/R' can be found perforating the Postal Stationery Cards.

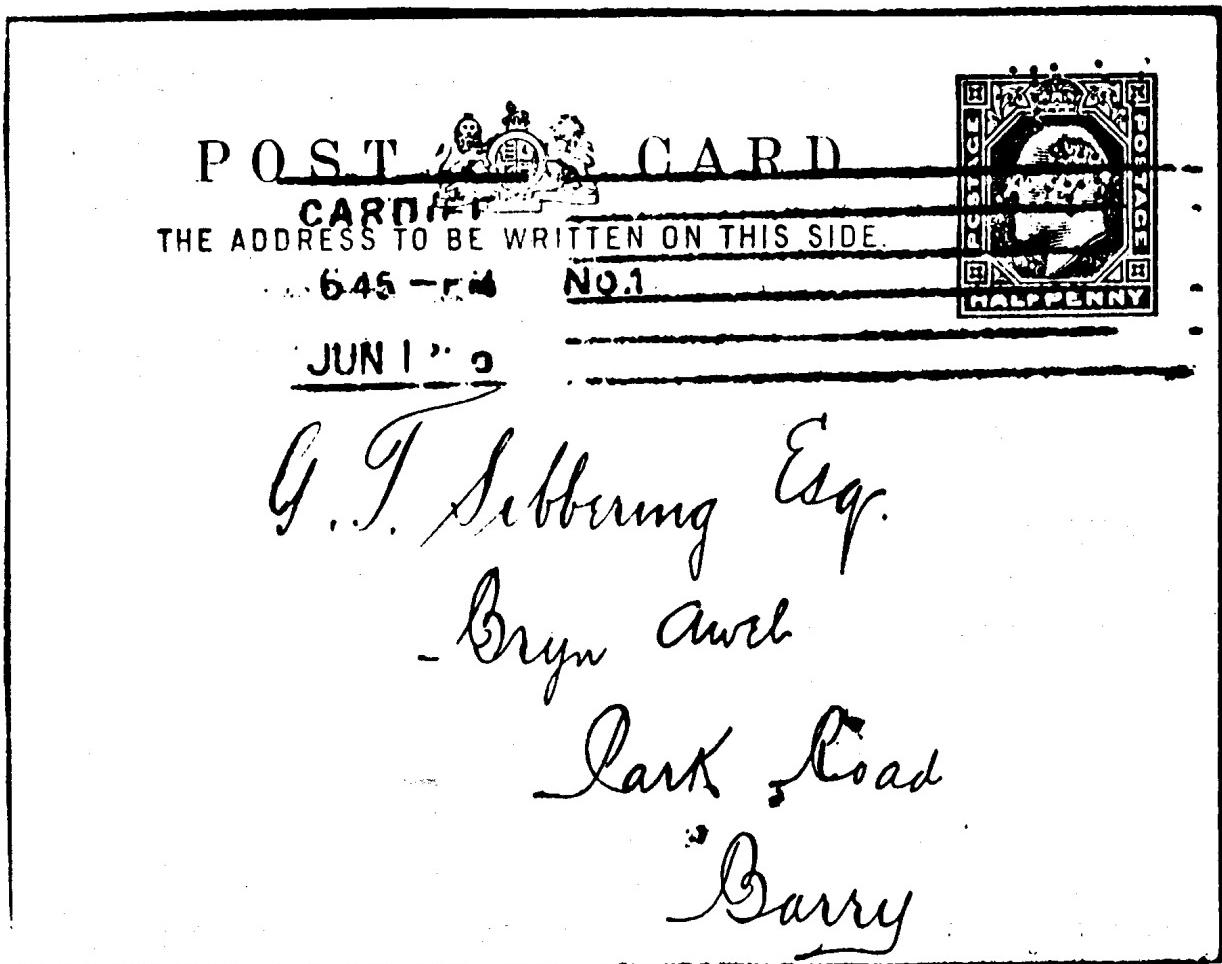


Fig. 3.